THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA J. PATEL): (a) to (c) Government provides concessional lines of credit (LoC) to friendly developing countries to support their capacity building and infrastructure development. These LoCs are provided by Government as a gesture of goodwill and economic support. Government does not link these lines of credit with acquisition of energy supplies from overseas.

Supply of petrol and diesel to Tamil Nadu

1986. SHRI C. PERUMAL: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a short supply of petrol and diesel by the oil companies in Tamil Nadu;

(b) if so, the reasons for this situation and the action taken by Government thereto; and

(c) the total approximate requirement of petrol and petroleum products estimated and actual supply of the same in Tamil Nadu?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA J. PATEL): (a) No, Sir. Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) have reported that there has been no short supply of petrol and diesel in the State of Tamil Nadu.

(b) Does not arise, in view of the reply to part (a) above.

(c) OMCs-wise monthly average approximate requirement of petrol and diesel and actual supply of the same during the period of April 2007 to February 2008 is given below:—

(Figure in Thousand Metric Tonnes)

	Petrol		Diesel	
	Projected demand	*Actual Supply*	*Projected demand*	*Actual Supply*
IOCL	31.4	31.8	169.5	173.8
HPCL	18.74	20.99	55.93	56.52
BPCL	25.09	25.73*	79.91	80.91

Production and consumption of oil and gas

1987. DR. V. MAITREYAN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the total consumption of oil and gas in the country during the last three years;

(b) the total demand likely in the coming years;

(c) the total quantity produced in the country and the total quantity imported both in value and quantity during the last three years;

(d) what steps are being taken to increase the production locally and also to identify new locations of oil and gas bearing areas in the country;